

Title (en)

Performance monitoring and fault location for optical equipment, systems and networks

Title (de)

Funktionsüberwachung und Fehlerlokalisierung für optische Anlage, System und Netzwerk

Title (fr)

Moniteur de fonctionnement et localisateur de faute pour équipements, systèmes et réseaux optiques

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Abstract (en)

[origin: EP0580316A1] A performance monitoring technique which allows faults within an optical communication system to be detected and located. More specifically, a technique employing a signal generator (104) to controllably insert maintenance signals at the input and output of each module (101-103) within an optical communication system, and a single monitor (106) to receive the inserted maintenance signals at a fixed point within the system, and, in response, determine the location of faulty modules. The monitor analyzes the received inserted maintenance signals, and locates faults by pinpointing modules from which a maintenance signal inserted at the module output is received uncorrupted by the monitor, but which return a corrupted maintenance signal when the insertion is made at the module input. A particular embodiment of the invention enables the maintenance signals to be inserted via pre-existing control drivers within system modules. This allows optical losses with the system to be minimized by eliminating the need for introduction of additional optical couplers or attenuators into the system. <IMAGE>

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